

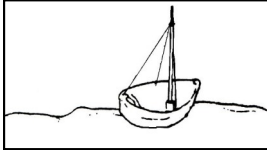
## Questions to Ask About a Culture

### 1. Geography



- Valley between Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
- Mesopotamia = “Valley between rivers” which is in Greek
- Weather much the same as today. Hot summer 40c, cold winter 0c

### 2. Economics



- Lacked many natural resources (timber, stone, minerals)
- Fertile land for crops
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### 3. Religion and Philosophy



- Worshipped 300 deities, believed each city-state founded by specific deity
- Built ziggurats for each deity, believed that each deity lived on top of their ziggurat
- Only kings, priests, military officials allowed in priest school. Religious festivals, conducted prayers and offerings

### 4. Knowledge, Education, and the Arts



- Only boys in wealthy families went to school taught by priests
- Students learned arithmetic, reading, writing, religious studies
- School lasted 24 days a month, wrote exams before graduation
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### 5. Political Science



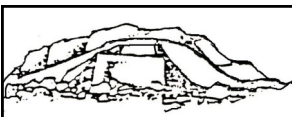
- Settled into city-states/ own rule government under most powerful city-state
- Strong city-states conquered and controlled weaker governments

### 6. Sociology



- Men were head of house, arranged marriage for daughters, education for sons
- Women had some rights some financially independent, parents gave dowry
- Slaves treated well and fairly because anyone can become one

### 7. History



- Referred to as cradle of civilizations
- First known civilizations found here
- Country followed pattern of settlement and conquest
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